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## Thanksgiving Cut Short

By Hannah Kinzer

It's inevitable. As you drive home full and satisfied from your scrumptious Thanksgiving dinner and as the evening starts to set in, you will see it: at first a dim glow from far down the road. You look closer and as you approach the strange lights and then groan in revulsion. Christmas lights.

Every year it seems more and more stores want to "beat the competition" and put out their holiday displays first. Likewise, perhaps the same phenomenon occurs between neighbors as holiday lights are put up. Meager Thanksgiving decorations are swapped out for superfluous amounts of holiday adornment. Thanksgiving out, Christmas in. In the fast paced world of today, Thanksgiving stands as a quiet calm before the storm. With such a rapid change in scenery do we truly take the time to appreciate Thanksgiving?

After all, I love Thanksgiving time. It's one of the only times each year we are encouraged to eat mountains amounts of food, play games, and just sit around and talk to relatives. For me, Thanksgiving always means a trip to the extended family. Every time we get together we realize we don't see each other nearly as often as we should. We play Monopoly, Scrabble, and Life while we watch a movie and tell jokes. But when Thanksgiving is over, the memories and atmosphere are shoved aside to make way for the more glamorous and inevitably stressful holiday season. People begin to panic as they scramble to collect gifts, make wish lists, and finalize plans. With all the excitement, the full effects of Thanksgiving are lost and promptly forgotten. With all the stress of the holiday season, Thanksgiving should be cherished not ignored. So savor the meal, don't cut it short.

# Lucasfilm Bought By Disney Franchise

By: Jenny Dehler

Disney has just acquired Lucasfilms for about four billion dollars, which will now add the famous *Star Wars* characters to the Disney franchise. In a quote by Robert Iger, the current CEO of Disney, the purchase finally closes a deal that was in the process of being negotiated for about one and a half years. This deal will be the fourth largest deal that has ever been made, and will also include the video game company LucasArts.

In return, George Lucas, the founder of Lucasfilms, will receive forty million shares of the Disney stock, making him the second largest shareholder. He also has agreed to serve as a creative consultant.

In the past, Disney has also made agreements similar

to the one with Lucasfilms. According to USA Today, these companies include Pixar in 2006 and Marvel in 2009. However, the largest deal that has ever been made by the company is the one with ABC, which was bought out for \$19.7 billion dollars in 1995.

Disney has many plans for *Star Wars*. The CEO said in a statement in USA Today they would like to restart the movie franchise again with Episode VII, and they would release a new movie every two to three years. The CEO also suggested that they might expand the franchise to some of their original Disney parks and hope to create new parks based off of the *Star Wars* theme.

“It’s now time for me to pass *Star Wars* on to a new generation of filmmakers,” George Lucas stated on his Lucasfilms website, “*Star Wars* will certainly live on and flourish for many generations to come.”



## Follow-up Election Coverage

By: Mary McElligott

After all of the last minute campaigning and constant political commercials, President Barack Obama was re-elected to be president of the United States of America. Obama won most of the swing states, such as Ohio, Florida, and Wisconsin. This led to Obama having 332 electoral votes to Romney's 206. Obama also defeated Romney in the popular vote 50.66% to 47.69%. Overall, most city areas, such as Milwaukee and Madison, voted Democratic, while most of the suburbs and rural areas went Republican. Many critics of Obama say the country is divided; however Obama stated in his acceptance speech that he does not believe this. Obama's swift and efficient victory came as a surprise to most analysts, who were predicting an extremely tight race that went into the early morning. The Romney camp was also tremendously surprised and is reported to have purchased upwards of \$10,000 in celebratory fireworks. In the wake of Obama's victory, all fifty US states have filed a petition for succession. However, in order for Obama to even look at these petitions they must have 25,000 signatures, and Texas is the only state with enough signatures right now. They argue since they are the fifteenth largest economy in the world and have a balanced budget, they deserve the right to leave. It is widely believed that the White House will ignore these petitions. Hopefully the Democrats, Republicans, and the country can join together to make America even better.

### Teacher Feature– Mr. Miller

by Georgianna Braxton

\*\*To check your answers, turn paper upside down!\*\*

1. He has two dogs

true

2. He has worked at Eisenhower for 36 years

false

3. He made up the word “Keish”

true

4. In High School he loved P.E and Music class

false

5. He has a flag as a hall pass  
false

6. He is married with one child  
true

7. He lives in West Allis  
false

8. He graduated at U.W La Crosse  
true

9. The high school he graduated from was Waukesha High  
true

10. He has a brother in Montana



# A Post-Thanksgiving Report

By Sophie Carson

Coming off of this five-day weekend, Eisenhower students are sure to groan at the thought of returning school, homework, and normal life. Indeed, the November vacation of Thanksgiving brings excitement, food, and family into teenagers' lives.



This long weekend, Black Friday played a growing role, with many stores starting their "doorbuster deals" on Thanksgiving, some as early as 8 o'clock at night. According to a Bloomberg BusinessWeek article, American shoppers collectively spent \$59.1 billion in stores this weekend. The encroaching, earlier-than-normal discounts and offers led 35 million shoppers to buy on Thanksgiving Day, up from 29 million last year. These record-breaking numbers and the increasing materialistic focus of this Holiday weekend have many crying foul, citing lack of focus on Thanksgiving's true purpose of giving thanks and enjoying time with family. To many family-oriented yet cash-strapped Americans, standing in long lines Thursday night is the only option, as the prices for expensive items such as televisions and computers are finally affordable. Retailers see this weakness and exploit it, thus leading to 8 pm opening times. With such a lucrative and successful year, it will be interesting to see the times stores start their deals in the years to come.

However, many teens can attest that family time was not absent from their Thanksgiving vacations; in fact, traditions were probably just as prevalent as in years past. Going to the movie theater, a popular holiday pastime, was as widespread as ever, with theaters boasting heavy hitters such as the final *Twilight* installment *Breaking Dawn Part 2*, a Christmas-themed DreamWorks animation called *The Rise of the Guardians*, the thrilling James Bond film *Skyfall*, the historical masterpiece *Lincoln*, and a movie adaptation of the successful novel, *The Life of Pi*. The Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade was also a success, with the widespread damage from Superstorm Sandy not affecting the festivities. A multitude of stars from television and music clad the extravagant floats, including Jimmy Fallon, Carly Rae Jepsen, The Wanted, and the Olympic Women's Gymnastics team, nicknamed the Fierce Five. Overall, the holiday spirit was in full swing this Thanksgiving weekend.

## The Watcher Reviews:

### "Wreck-It Ralph"

Upon seeing this movie, I have to admit I had very low expectations. Disney Animation Studios and Pixar have left me very underwhelmed as of late with the demographics in which they have been targeting. Movies such as *The Princess and the Frog*, *Tangled*, *Whinnie the Pooh (2012 release)*, and *Brave* are all great films, but lacked the imagination and ingenuity I know Disney Animation can provide. What else to conquer this obstacle of demographic appeal than to make a video-game adaptation film? This troubled me at first.



It is rare when a video game or comic book adaptation film

becomes successful. Also, it is far rarer when a film becomes a successful franchise WITHOUT having to change its major IP's or directors. Most of the time, video game movies just don't work out well, making bad movies with little profit and satisfaction from loyal fans. For this reason I was worried for *Wreck-It Ralph*, because I did not want to see one of my favorite movie studios decide to punch-out and sell themselves to the big industries for the sake of appealing to what people want (for more on this idea, see movies such as *Catwoman* and *Super Mario Brothers*...you will understand my pain). However, with great pride and satisfaction, I am happy to announce that *Wreck-It Ralph* is one of the most original and entertaining films Disney Animation has produced in years.

The story surrounds Wreck-It Ralph, a video game villain whose sole purpose is to destroy a building in which the

player must rebuild and defeat Ralph (similar to Donkey Kong). The viewers are given a glimpse inside the video game world, and how characters interact with each other in the video game universe. Ralph, fed-up with years of torment and neglect from his fellow game characters, decides he wants to be the hero of a game for a change, and sets his sights upon one of the most prestigious games in the arcade, "Hero's Duty" (fairly reminiscent of any stereotypical first-person shooter game today). Along the way, he interacts with various other characters from other games in the arcade, including Q-bert and a lovable little glitch from the game "Sugar Rush."

Although the concept seems basic at first, the movie does not disappoint when it comes to keeping its audience interested. Just when you think the story will turn in a way that may seem obvious or boring, the film does its best to explain how or why and thus becomes intriguing to the viewers, playing with their interest in the story. Visually, this film is a wonder to behold. Each gaming world is stylized and unique, from the cartoony worlds of "Wreck-It Ralph" and "Sugar Rush" to the hyper-detailed and gritty worlds of "Hero's Duty," making each new gaming world seem like a brand-new universe within itself. The comedy is smart and clever, playing with snide potty-humor that children can enjoy, to clever dialogue and witty pop-culture references many grown-ups can enjoy as well. However, the most impressive part of the film, by my standards, is the vast array of real-world video game characters the movie was able to include. Characters

such as Bowser from Super Mario Bros. and Zangeif from Street Fighter made an appearance in the movie trailers, and that is virtually the extent in which you see these characters, as they don't do much else in the movie. However little their parts may seem, each one is cleverly referenced for any die-hard gamer to enjoy just long enough, and the film does not take its time to revolve around the more famous gaming IPs. One part of the film that sticks out in particular is when Sonic the Hedgehog explains to the viewers that if a character dies within their respective gaming worlds, they respawn; but if they die outside their own game, they die for good. I squealed like a little school-girl when I saw this part, as Sonic is one of my favorite gaming IPs, and even the smallest nods to characters like this make the movie the slightest more thrilling to watch.

I give *Wreck-It Ralph* 4.75/5 stars and a "Watch" for being one of the most original and entertaining films of the year. Disney Animation did not disappoint me with the great leaps and bounds they took to make this film enjoyable for even the most die-hard gamer, and I was absolutely thrilled to see such a fascinating concept unfold before me in ways I could never imagine before seeing this film. The only small criticism I had with this film was the time restraints and lack of fleshing-out of the famous gaming IPs this film included, as I would have liked to see more interaction between Zangeif and Dr. Eggman...but I guess I'll just have to keep dreaming. Go see *Wreck-It Ralph*, you won't regret it.

## Monthly Comic Strip    "Supahfrenz"

By: Connor Main



**Ike Hoops Off To A Strong Start**

Just as expected for many on-  
Ike coaches and student-  
athletes, the girls' and boys'  
basketball teams are both  
off to great starts. After  
suffering an early loss to  
Wilmont on the road, the  
boys squad has bounced back and regrouped,  
earning monster victories against NB West (49-26)  
and at Pius (65-50). The girls, on the other hand,  
have also enjoyed their fair share of early success  
with a hot 2-1 start, their only loss in a wire-to-  
wire battle with Pius. The Lady Lions have seen the  
emergence of scorers Sammy Kozlowski (13 points  
per game) and Jenny Weiland (12 points per  
game). The boys, meanwhile, have a scorer of their  
own. Junior point guard Reed Timmer has been a  
major on-the-court leader this season for the Li-  
ons, but one game in particular turned heads  
around southeastern Wisconsin. On November  
16<sup>th</sup>, Timmer set the Eisenhower  
school record for single-game  
points. In 22 minutes Reed had  
23 from the floor, including 7-  
10 from the 3-point line. With  
this game, he now moves into  
3rd on the Eisenhower scoring list behind Mike  
Klepatz and David Grzesk, the leader at 1070.  
(Reed is at 865) The boys have some big matchups  
as the season goes on, including Brookfield Acad-  
emy and Waukesha North. The girls, meanwhile,  
have key games against Beaver Dam and Franklin  
coming up this season. (Sources: Wissports,

**Ping-Pong Team Up And Running**

As a new experiment at Ike, the ping-pongers have come out in droves this year to be a part of a team, as well as share in their appreciation for a world-renowned game. It's also not too late to join, as the club is always looking for new participants. The ping-pong team meets every Wednesday in the cafeteria after school, and is run by Ike tennis coach Mike Jenders. Senior captains include Sam Hoffman (pictured) and Phil Overmoyer. If you are interested in joining, simply bring a paddle and \$20 to cover the sign-up fee, and you could begin slapping the ball around with some of the school's best!

## WISCONSIN SPORTS UPDATE

**Green Bay Packers:** After feeling the loss of some key players due to injury, the Green and Gold have their eyes on the playoffs. Still in the NFC North division race with the Chicago Bears, the Pack expect some strong play from defensive rookies Casey Heyward, M.D. Jennings and Davon House if they have any Super Bowl aspirations this year.



**Milwaukee Bucks:** The Bucks have come back down to earth after a red-hot 6-2 start, hanging around a .500 record so far this season. The biggest story for the Bucks so far, however, has been the development of some of the rookies and young players. Center Larry Sanders has established himself as the big man of the future in Milwaukee, while explosive rookies John Henson and Doron Lamb are beginning to prove their

worth in the NBA.

**Wisconsin Football:** The Badgers are smelling the roses! For the third straight years, the UW football team has landed themselves in the Rose Bowl for the third straight year. Beating the BCS odds by landing in the Big Game without even being ranked, the Badgers are well underway in their preparations to take on #8 Stanford in Pasadena on January 2<sup>nd</sup>.



**Milwaukee Brewers:** The Brewers, openly seeking to spend some cap money this offseason, have been reportedly linked to a few free-agents, including pitcher Ryan Dempster. The Crew also remains in the hunt to sign Texas Rangers outfielder Josh Hamilton.

Look for our next issue of The Paw Print, out soon! Some articles to keep an eye out for:

Continuing sports coverage

The next comic in the "Supahfrenz" series

Inauguration Coverage

And so much more!!

# November Weather Report

By Summer Diab

## Weather for November

This week and weekend's forecast average high will be seventy degrees with mostly sunny days and a few scattered clouds. Unfortunately, this is not November's weather for Wisconsin. November comes once a year with the following items: colorful leaves, wind rain and snow (slightly) showers.



The leaves start to appear red, orange and yellow as the weather changes into a crisp temperature, with a few rains and slightly snow showers. Fall is here and the leaves are off the trees waiting to be raked and recycled. Every year this brings families closer with the help of the smell of turkey and the sweet delights of Thanksgiving.

## FORECAST FOR THANKSGIVING

THURSDAY



November 22, 2012

High 39

Low 25

Mostly Cloudy

\*\*The Paw Print wishes everyone Happy Holidays!\*\*